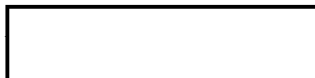


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Separation Allowance

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1. Attached is memorandum dated 13 July 1951, from Chief, Personnel Division (covert), approving separation allowance for [redacted] We believe the record in this case establishes reasonable doubt as to the applicability of a separation allowance and have withheld payment.

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2. Our views are based on information available prior to [redacted] departure which is confirmed in the first paragraph memorandum dated 8 June 1951, also attached, wherein he states, "The subject indicates in his memorandum that he was separated from his wife prior to his overseas assignment but that while on leave, enroute to his assignment, he effected a reconciliation."

3. Accordingly, since separation existed at time of employee's departure, it does not appear that such separation can be construed as being for the "convenience of the Government." Section 7.1 of Standardized Allowance Regulations provide that "Separation Allowance means an allowance granted. . . to assist an officer or employee who is compelled by reason of dangerous, notably unhealthful, or excessively adverse living conditions at his post abroad or for the convenience of the Government to meet the additional expense of maintaining his wife or minor children elsewhere than in the country of his assignment."

4. Furthermore, the allowance is intended to meet additional expenses of maintaining a separate household. It appears that such additional expense, if any, already existed and was not brought about by his overseas assignment with CIA.

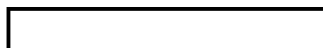
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5. Lastly, we feel that we should not be required to obtain a certification from [redacted] to the extent that reconciliation was actually effected with his wife, as suggested by [redacted] It appears that such data would have no bearing upon the case if paragraphs 3 and 4 above are correct interpretations of the regulations.

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6. We request your decision as to whether or not we are correct in declining the payment of a separation allowance in this case.

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**Acting Chief, Finance Division****Attachments**

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